

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Combinations~~ A combination consisting essentially of an antiemetic agent ~~racecadotril or dexecadotril~~ with an ~~enkephalinase inhibitor~~ ondansetron or granisetron.

2-4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the combination according to claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle or excipient.

6. (Currently Amended) The combination according to claim 1, wherein said combination is for simultaneous, separate or sequential administration of ~~said ~~enkephalinase inhibitor~~ racecadotril or dexecadotril and said antiemetic agent~~ ondansetron or granisetron.

7. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is suitable for oral administration.

8. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is in the form of tablets, capsules or granulated powder.

9. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5, wherein said pharmaceutical composition of the invention comprises between 50 and 100 mg of ~~said ~~enkephalinase inhibitor~~ racecadotril or dexecadotril~~ per dosage unit for adults and corresponding doses according to body weight for children and babies.

10. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5 wherein said pharmaceutical composition comprises between 1 and 8 mg of a ~~5-HT₃ antagonist~~ ondansetron or granisetron per dosage unit for adults ~~and corresponding doses according to body weight for children and babies.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5 wherein said pharmaceutical composition comprises between 2 and 8 mg of ondansetron per dosage unit for adults ~~and corresponding doses according to body weight for children and babies.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5, wherein said pharmaceutical composition comprises between 1 and 4 mg of granisetron per dosage unit for adults ~~and corresponding doses according to body weight for children and babies.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5, wherein said combination comprises ~~the antiemetic agent and the enkephalinase inhibitor~~ racecadotril or dexecadotril and ondansetron or granisetron in the same dosage unit.

14. (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of acute gastroenteritis, comprising administering ~~a~~ the combination of ~~an antiemetic agent with an~~ enkephalinase claim 1.

15. (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of acute diarrhea associated with emesis, comprising administering ~~a~~ the combination of ~~an antiemetic agent with an enkephalinase inhibitor~~ claim 1.

16. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 15, wherein said diarrhea is chemotherapy-induced diarrhea, carcinoid diarrhea, traveller's diarrhea, diarrhea elicited by various bacteria, viruses or parasites.

17. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 14, wherein said treatment comprises oral administration, preferably two to four times a day.

18. (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, comprising administering the said combination of an antiemetic agent with an enkephalinase ~~inhibitor~~ two to four times a day.

19. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 14, wherein said combination comprises dexecadotril and ondansetron for the treatment of acute gastroenteritis by simultaneous, separate or sequential oral administration of the active ingredients.

20. (New) A combination comprising racecadotril or dexecadotril with ondansetron or granisetron.

21. (New) The combination of claim 20, comprising racecadotril and ondansetron.

22. (New) The combination of claim 20, comprising racecadotril and granisetron.

23. (New) A combination consisting essentially of racecadotril or dexecadotril with ondansetron or granisetron with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle or excipient.

24. (New) A combination comprising racecadotril or dexecadotril suitable for oral administration, and ondansetron or granisetron suitable for oral administration.